Chapter 24-Article II Amendment Excavations in the R/W

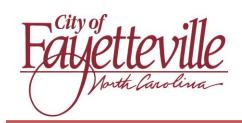
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Our Streets



- ✓ Streets largest asset
 - 735 miles
- ✓ Touches every citizen, employee, emergency service personnel, commuter, visitors
- ✓ Its condition affects our quality of life, efficiency, timely response, national ranking, benchmarks







- ✓ A primary cause for the early and excessive deterioration of the right-of-way is the frequent excavations for utilities (installation/maintenance).
- ✓ The city desires to:
 - Minimize and anticipate the number of excavations taking place
 - To regulate the placement of facilities within the rights-of-way to ensure that they remain available for public services.





Our Ordinance



- ✓ Chapter 24 Article II
 - Adopted in 1999
 - Provides a legal framework to regulate and manage the public rights-of-way
 - Provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents as they use the rights-of-way
 - Ensure the structural integrity of the public rights-ofway



Then why?



- ✓ Improve overall condition of our largest asset
 - Our roads degrade at an unsustainable rate
 - 985 excavation permits issued in 2013 (1 permit per block – multiple cuts)
 - 720 excavation permits issued so far in 2014
- ✓ Improve communication between utilities and City
- ✓ Improve notification to City
- ✓ Improve aesthetics
- ✓ Encourage good planning
- ✓ Reduce degradation to our streets
- ✓ Citizen satisfaction provide high quality streets is our goal









Ordinance Amendment



- ✓ Allows the City to require proper restoration of excavated areas
- ✓ Our streets provide a benefit to utility owners by allowing the use of a public property for the installation of their facilities. Thus eliminating the need to acquire/dedicate land.

A layer of protection that will secure and preserve our streets by improving the quality of the utility repairs.



Effective date



✓ July 1, 2015







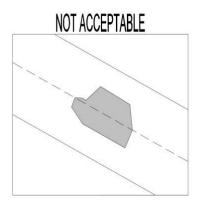


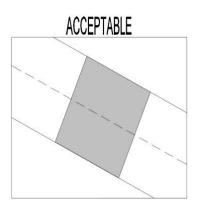
- ✓ Groundcover properly established no later than 7 days
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ <u>Repairs</u> requested by City must be completed in <u>30 days</u>
 - Currently: 10 days
- ✓ <u>Re-inspection fees apply</u>
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ Proper <u>compaction</u> or <u>flowable</u> <u>fill</u>
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ All work performed with appropriate <u>traffic</u> <u>control</u>
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ Eliminate <u>bond</u> requirement
 - Currently: Bond is required

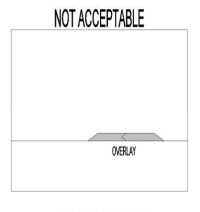




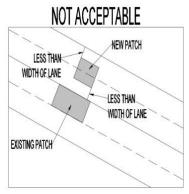
- ✓ Excavation shall be <u>restored</u> as determined by City
 - Currently: Optional

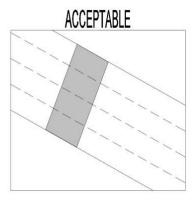


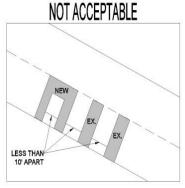


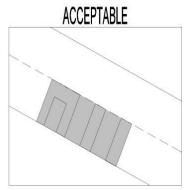








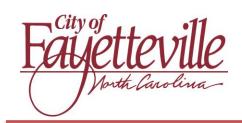








- ✓ Backfill / Warranty:
 - 3 options
 - Option #1: Backfill w/o compaction testing
 - Warranty until resurfaced
 - Option #2: Backfill w/ compaction testing
 - Warranty for 3 years
 - Option #3: Exc. Flowable Fill
 - Warranty for 1 year
- ✓ Any <u>pipe abandoned</u> inside the R/W shall be properly removed. Plug and grout filling may be allowed if removal not feasible.
 - Currently: Not addressed



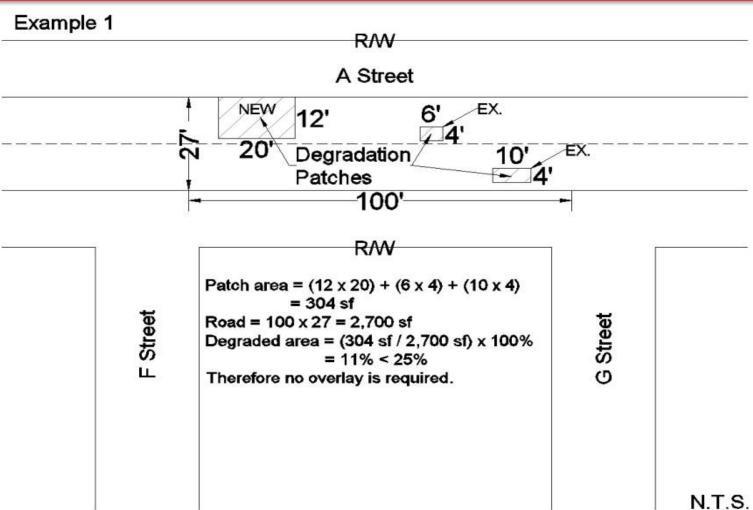


✓ Any street that is <u>degraded 25%</u> or greater between intersections shall be overlayed with a minimum of <u>1 ½ inch</u> of <u>asphalt</u> for the entire length between the intersecting streets. <u>Temporary patch</u> for one (<u>1</u>) <u>year</u> to allow settlement prior to final asphalt layer. <u>Warranty required for 1 year</u>. No utility will be exempt. <u>Payment-in-lieu-of</u> overlay is an option.

Currently: Not addressed

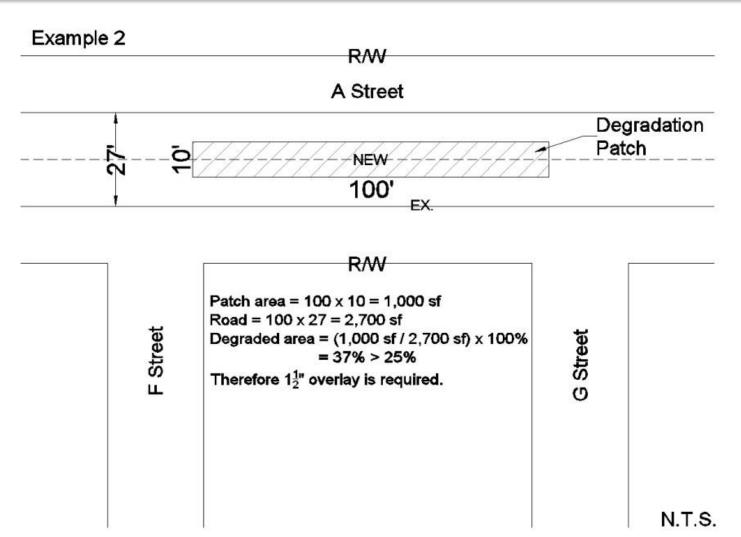








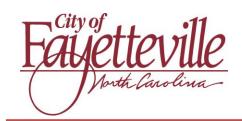








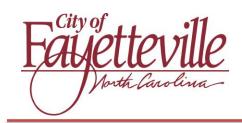
- ✓ <u>Steel plating</u> could be considered during periods of no work activity upon approval of the City Engineer.
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ <u>No permits</u> if street has been constructed or resurfaced in <u>less</u> than <u>3 years</u>. Exceptions could be allowed for <u>emergency</u> work with acceptable justification. If an exception is granted the degradation cost will be <u>5 times</u> the standard fee.
 - Currently: Not addressed
- ✓ <u>Compaction test</u> required for any utility installation on new roads or existing roads scheduled for resurfacing within <u>12</u> months. <u>Exacavatable flowable</u> fill is an option.
 - Currently: Not addressed.





- No additional permits will be issued for any utility until it is in compliance with the provisions of this article.
- ✓ A permit per cut. No more permit per block.





FAQs



- ✓ Who will be responsible for the compaction testing?
- ✓ What is excavatable flowable fill (EFF)?
- ✓ What are the benefits to use EFF?
- ✓ Is EFF readily available?
- ✓ Is the degradation fee based on the size of the cut or the size of the restoration?







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